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"Brodie" is one of the more than 6,000 pets adopted from the League in 1990 (see annual report p. 9). The photographer is Brodie's owner, Joseph Sousa of Melrose.

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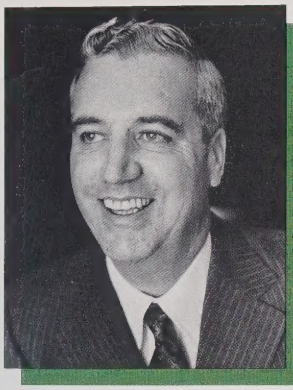


Arthur G. Slade, *President*

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

THE GULF WAR'S OTHER VICTIMS

The devastation of the war in the Middle East on human life and property is, in many ways, beyond calculation and understanding. However, the most longlasting and far-reaching harm has been done to the ecology and animal life by the dumping of millions of gallons of oil into the sea of the Persian Gulf. Generations from today will suffer the tragic loss brought about by this massive destruction.

Not only will this region of the world know the current toll of water fowl killed by the Saddam Hussein oil slick, but huge amounts of natural habitat and food supplies have been destroyed forever.

John Walsh of the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA) is presently in Saudi Arabia to assess the extent of such damage and to determine what, if anything, can be done on a practical level. Walsh reported in the *Patriot Ledger* that some 800 oil-soaked birds have been sent to a rehabilitation center, but this is a tiny fraction of the victims and more than half of those that are rescued will die. In addition to birds, the oil has reached a major feeding ground for Hawksbills, a gentle walrus-like animal already listed as an endangered species. This is the sort of loss that can never be recovered and one of the greatest tragedies of a senseless act.

The southern end of the slick has reached into a sea turtle breeding ground, thus endangering the future of such creatures. The worst may be yet to come. At least a million birds migrating to the spring climes of Europe may find the water poisoned when they stop to feed in the shallow flats of the Persian Gulf.

It is beyond belief that the vicious actions of one crazed dictator could result in such devastation. War is an ugly undertaking and the results are often drastic, but it need not be devoid of compassion. By sharp contrast, the Desert Shield Commander, General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, responded with a number of positive steps taken by allied forces to ensure the health and safety for camels and other native animals. Concerns rose when a number of camels were killed or injured during training exercises last November. Reports of these events were broadcast worldwide.

In a letter to WSPA, General Schwarzkopf wrote, "U.S. Forces always take precautions to ensure that military maneuvers are conducted in a manner that safeguards against the loss of life and property. On rare occasions, even our best efforts are influenced by circumstances beyond our control.

"We have taken positive measures to reduce the likelihood of recurrences of this type of event. Standard range clearance and surveillance procedures have been expanded. Provincial governors and local officials are assisting in publishing and disseminating guidance to the local population to keep away from ranges. U.S. Forces are formalizing a policy that stresses timely veterinary and legal assistance in the event of recurrence."

We await further word from our friends at WSPA for the next steps and clues on what we and others may do to help in an almost hopeless situation.

ANIMAL ALLIES

By Terrie Bierig-Neyland

"Control to one," crackled the voice on the ambulance radio.

"One here." Peter Faux answered.

"What is your present location, one?"

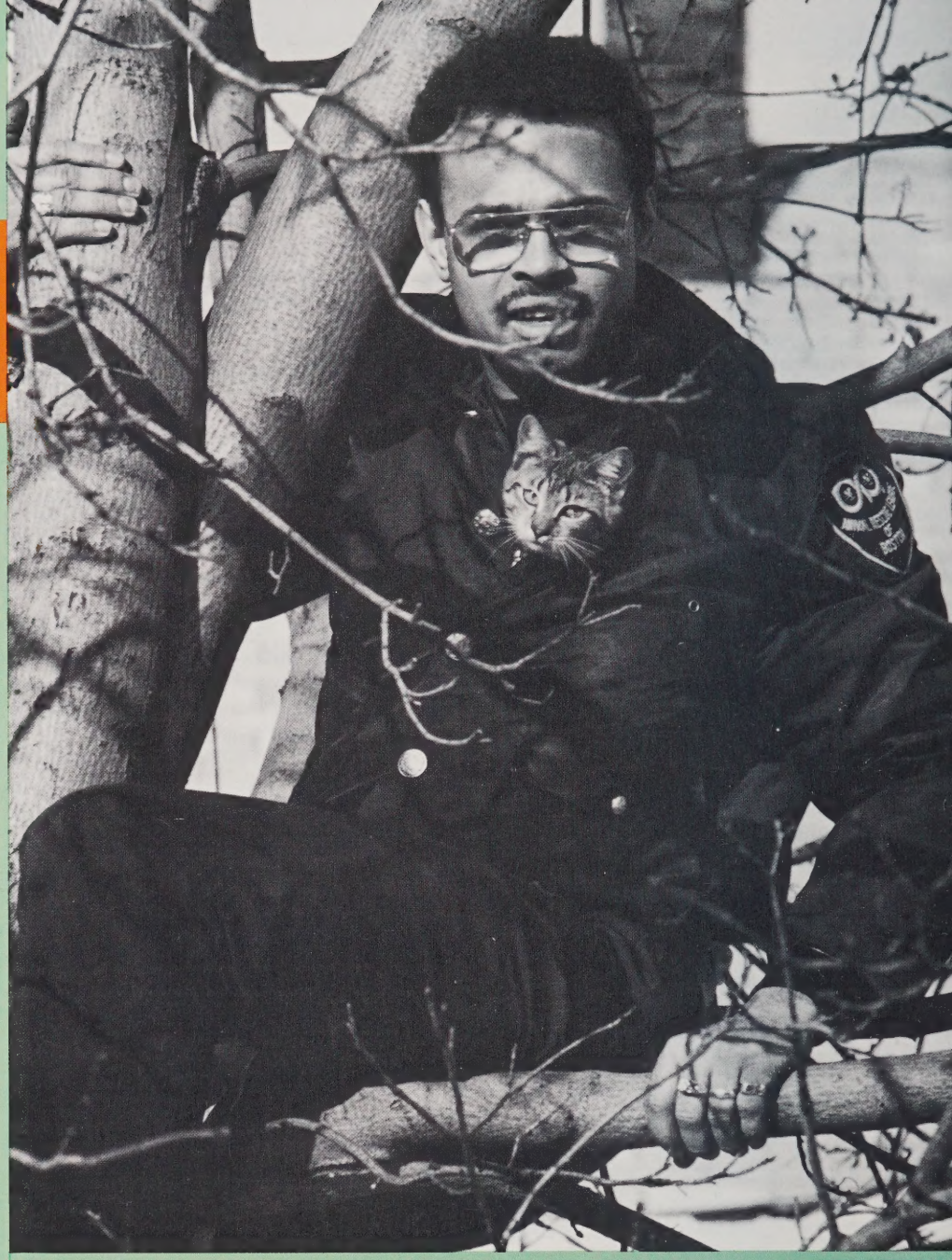
"We've just completed the injured cat rescue on Morrissey Boulevard and we are on our way back. The cat needs medical attention."

"Okay, one, I will alert the Clinic. I have a report on an injured deer in Wayland but I will send twenty-five. Control clear."

"One clear."

The two-way radio in the League's Boston shelter is alive with similar conversations all through the day and into the night, seven days a week. The League's fleet of ambulances is active at the Boston headquarters and at the branch locations in Dedham, Salem, and East Brewster. The ambulance department in Boston runs until midnight each night to handle emergencies and the East Brewster branch ambulance is on call for emergencies twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year. Each year the need for ambulance service at every location increases, with League ambulance drivers responding to 12,964 calls for assistance in 1990.

The ambulance department has seen many changes since the early days of the League when the ambulances were drawn by horses. Today's fleet currently numbers nine vehicles customized with interior cages and other means of safely holding animals being transported. The drivers are prepared for any emergency, with equipment such as stretchers for injured animals, ladders, humane restraint poles for handling aggressive dogs or wild



High above a Harvard University courtyard, League agent Shaun Harrison rescues a cat stranded in a tree.

animals, and thick, protective gloves for handling hurt animals or large birds. The department also boasts a motor boat for water rescues, complete with nets and flotation devices to be used in a variety of rescue situations on the water.

But the Animal Rescue League of Boston ambulance department is more than just a rescue service for injured wild and domestic animals. The drivers also perform scheduled pick-ups of unwanted pets at the homes of the owners. This service is provided at a nominal fee in an attempt to reduce the number of pets abandoned each year in Massachusetts. The League also accepts pets into its four shelters free of charge when the owner brings the pet in personally. After careful screening by League veterinarians of these pets, many can then be placed in the adoption centers for placement in a new home. It is the League's hope that with pet surrendering services like these available, there will be no reason for a pet owner to leave animals behind in abandoned apartments, tied to a tree in the park, or dropped off at a roadside rest stop. The League ambulance department also provides support services to the Law Enforcement department in responding to situations where back-up is required to transport abused animals to the nearest shelter.

An ambulance driver never knows exactly what will happen when he or she is on the road. Jim Sears has been with the League since 1965 and has been the night-shift ambulance driver since 1968. He recalls that one of his most daring rescues occurred when a dog became trapped on the top support beam of a dismantled train line that traveled above the roadway. The dog was too high to reach with a ladder so a special flatbed car with an elevator base was called in to lift Jim high enough to reach the dog. Jim was greatly relieved to find that the dog was friendly and so was safely rescued without a chase. Jim has many rescue stories to tell but perhaps one of the most humorous was the call to help an injured cat that was stuck in the fork of a tree in the city. Jim rushed to the scene, ascended his ladder high into the tree, reached the spot where the animal was reported to be only to discover that the "cat" was actually someone's fur piece.

No day in the life of a League ambulance driver is truly routine, however one aspect of their workday never changes and that is the fact that each day fewer animals are suffering because those men and women were on the road. The League ambulance drivers are undoubtedly an animal's best allies.

AMBULANCE SCHEDULE

Here is a schedule of ambulance service to some of the 102 communities serviced by the Boston shelter alone. Space does not permit listing all of the cities and towns served. If you don't see your town here, you can find out when the ambulance will be in your area by calling 426-9170.

Daily (Mon. through Fri.):
Allston, Back Bay, Beacon Hill, Brighton, Dorchester, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, Readville, Roslindale, Roxbury, South Boston, South End, West Roxbury.

Mon., Wed., Fri.:
Brookline, Cambridge, Charlestown, Chelsea, E. Boston, Everett, Malden, Medford, No. End, Somerville.

Wednesday:
Arlington, Belmont, Concord, Framingham, Lexington, Natick, Newton, Waltham, Wayland, Watertown, Weston.

Tues. and Thurs.:
Braintree, Brockton, Hingham, Plymouth, Quincy, Weymouth.

Members of the Boston branch's ambulance and rescue service are (l to r): Steve Giuva, Peter Faux, Dan Gramazio, Jim Sears, Shaun Harrison, Jim Pernavas, Arlene August, John McMullen, and Karen Rikkers.

IN HARMONY WITH NATURE

Beauty *without* the Beasts

The use of animals for medical and scientific research over the years has been justified by its proponents on the basis that such research saves human lives, reduces human suffering and advances scientific understanding. No such rationale exists, however, for the use of animals to test cosmetics and household products — a practice required by many consumer protection laws in this country, and public opinion is increasingly turning against the distressing and cruel use of animals to develop basically non-essential products.

Those who oppose the use of animals for safety testing of cosmetic products have grown more vociferous in recent years, calling for such alternatives to animal testing as: in vitro tests, using cell cultures instead of live animals; mathematical models to predict results based on known data with other products; and computer analysis and data networks which would allow cosmetic firms to share results, eliminating unnecessary and duplicated animal research.

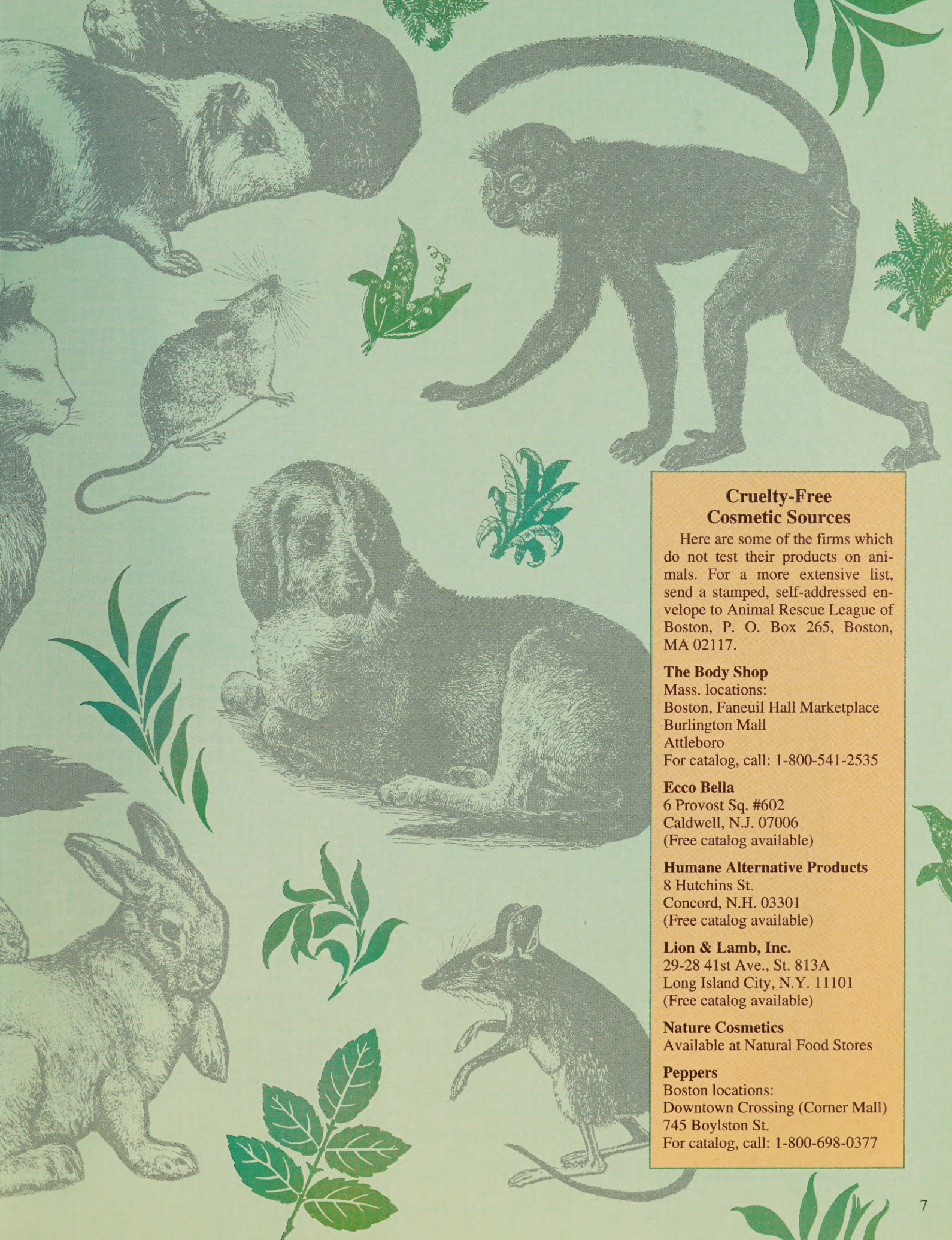
In response to public opinion, research into such alternatives has been increasing, but there is still a long way to go. Meanwhile, an encouraging phenomenon is taking place, a proliferation of companies that offer humane consumers a new alternative choice, companies that do not use animal products in their cosmetics, and do not use animals in laboratory safety testing.

One of the pioneers in this movement is the Body Shop, established in England in 1976, and now in several U.S. locations, including Boston's Faneuil Hall Marketplace, and the Burlington Mall. This firm, and others like it, ensure product safety by using only "natural" ingredients, plant and vegetable substances like honey, aloe and oils that have already been proven safe over generations of human use. Humane consumers can exhibit their concerns by patronizing such firms (a partial list of them is included here), or by letting their local druggist or department store know that there is a market for natural, humane products, if cruelty-free cosmetics are not currently available in their area.

Among the common laboratory tests that have raised the most concern are:

- The Draize eye test, which tests for eye irritation by dripping or spraying such products as shampoos or hairsprays into the eyes of conscious, restrained rabbits, which have a tear duct structure that does not allow them to rid themselves of the substance the way humans would.
- Tests for skin irritation, which involve applying face cream, deodorants, or other substances to the sensitive, shaved skin of animals, usually guinea pigs or rabbits, and taping it in place for a period of time to test the skin reaction.
- Finally, the most controversial of all, a toxicity test known as the LD 50 (LD standing for lethal dose), in which a group of animals, usually rats or mice, are force-fed a substance (lipstick, face cream, or even a household cleaning product) until 50% of them die. A survey by the Food and Drug Administration indicated that the use of this test is declining, having dropped by 96% since the late 1970s.

Although there has been a small degree of progress, much needless suffering is still being perpetuated in the name of vanity. Consumers can make a difference by asking questions about how their favorite cosmetic and hygiene products are manufactured; by choosing alternative products; and by supporting legislation that is aimed at limiting or halting such research.



Cruelty-Free Cosmetic Sources

Here are some of the firms which do not test their products on animals. For a more extensive list, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Animal Rescue League of Boston, P. O. Box 265, Boston, MA 02117.

The Body Shop
Mass. locations:
Boston, Faneuil Hall Marketplace
Burlington Mall
Attleboro
For catalog, call: 1-800-541-2535

Ecco Bella
6 Provost Sq. #602
Caldwell, N.J. 07006
(Free catalog available)

Humane Alternative Products
8 Hutchins St.
Concord, N.H. 03301
(Free catalog available)

Lion & Lamb, Inc.
29-28 41st Ave., St. 813A
Long Island City, N.Y. 11101
(Free catalog available)

Nature Cosmetics
Available at Natural Food Stores

Peppers
Boston locations:
Downtown Crossing (Corner Mall)
745 Boylston St.
For catalog, call: 1-800-698-0377

A Long Road to Recovery For Abused Dog

To most people the word "rescue" means a happy ending, but for many of the abused animals whose lives are saved by humane intervention, the rescue is only the beginning, the first step on a long and difficult journey back to physical health and emotional well-being.

So it was for "Jennie," a 10-month-old mixed collie–shepherd whose story began in the early morning hours of July 1, 1990, when Patrolman Glen Piro spotted a man on route 138 in Canton preparing to toss over a 30-foot embankment a large plastic trash can which he had just removed from his station wagon. Inside the air-tight can, the lid of which was fastened securely with ropes, Patrolman Piro found a battered, shivering dog curled up in shock, its fur matted with blood and its right rear leg bound with ropes that had been used to snare and capture it.

At first, the man said the dog was his own and he wanted to dispose of it because it dug up his flower beds. Later, he changed his story, claiming the dog was a "ferocious" stray that had been harassing his home and garden.

Canton Animal Control Officer Richard Stein, who brought the dog to the League for examination and treatment, described the supposedly ferocious animal in a Quincy *Patriot Ledger* article the following day: "The dog was petrified of people after its ordeal. It could hardly walk, and it's scared of everything and anything right now, but it seems like a real sweetheart."

Alan B. Borgal, law enforcement coordinator at the League, said: "The dog just cowers — we've been carrying her around everywhere, she just can't walk." Upon examination, League veterinarians found that the dog suffered not only from leg injuries, shock and trauma but also, hardly more than a puppy herself, she was an expectant mother.

After initial treatment, the dog was transferred to the League's Pine Ridge Animal Center in Dedham for rehabilitation. Over the next months, "Jennie," as she was christened by the staff, grew physically stronger and, in August, gave birth to four healthy puppies, all of whom have been placed in new adopted homes.

Though Jennie's physical health continued to improve, restoring her trust in humans proved to be a far more difficult challenge. For the next six months, League staffer Alan Cunningham, in consultation with a canine behavioral specialist, worked daily with Jennie in an effort to restore her faith in humans and her ability to socialize. "Though she's come a long way, Jennie still exhibits an ultimate fear of anything that resembles captivity or restraint," he explains.

Jennie's assailant and tormentor was charged with cruelty to animals and found guilty of these charges in Stoughton District Court. However, he has appealed the conviction and the appeal is still pending, with a jury trial scheduled for this spring.

Meanwhile, in the hope that his victim can benefit from more intensive therapy, the League this past January placed Jennie in a foster home with an animal behavioral therapist who is striving to remedy the damage wrought by human cruelty. Hopefully, the day will come when Jennie is once again ready to trust.

Jennie," recovers after her ordeal, with agent Mark Williamson, and (inset) with her healthy puppies.

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During the past year, the League's rescue, adoption, health care, inspection and law enforcement programs directly touched the lives of more than 278,000 animals, an accomplishment made possible by the steadfast support of the League's members and friends. With the addition of 2,703 new members in 1990, the total membership of the League now numbers 32,490, and to each of these individuals who have so tangibly demonstrated their humane concerns, the League extends its warmest thanks.

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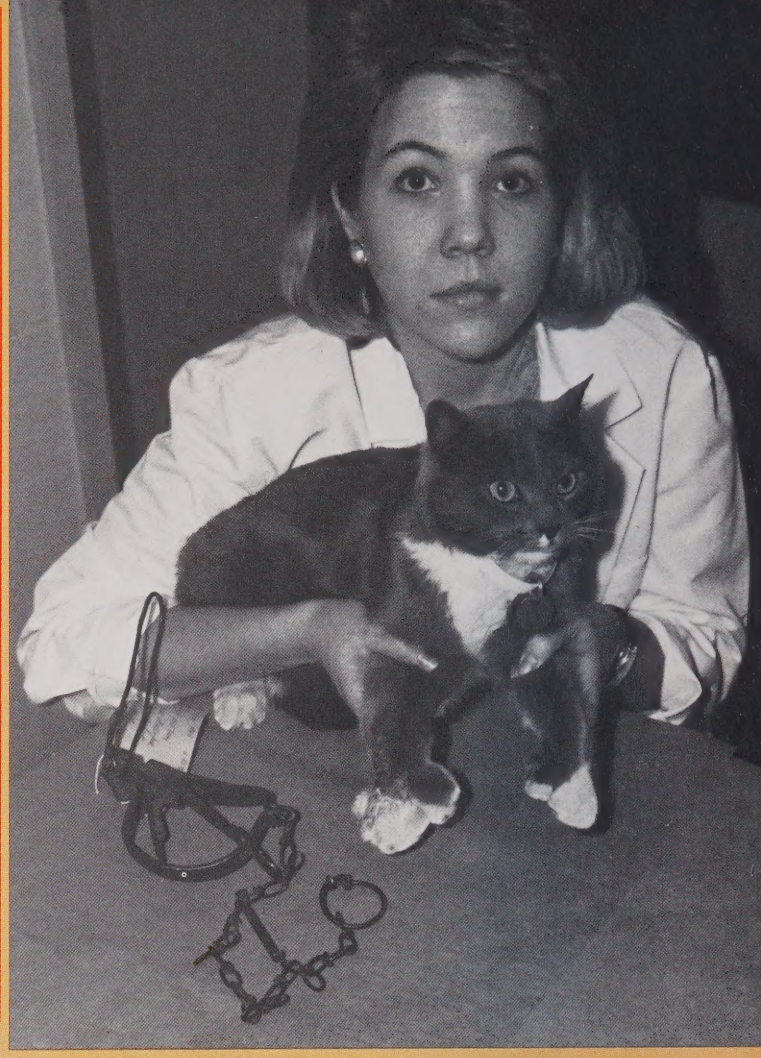
Clinic technician Sandy Dagendesh comforts a cat whose paw was severely injured when it was caught in a steel-jaw leghold trap, a device that the League continues to oppose through legislative efforts.



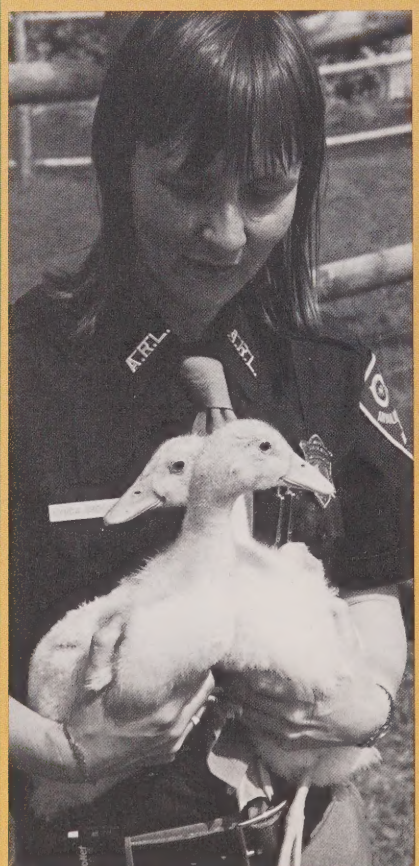
1990 ANNUAL REPORT

The past year has been marked by a number of serious events. A declining economy has had its impact on financial support, and an increase in serious crimes against animals has underscored the need for an effective re-awakening of moral values in connection with animals of all types — domestic and wild.

Despite these sobering developments, there is good news to report. With the generous support of its members, the League was able to find new homes for 6,311 animals in 1990, including 2,081 dogs, 3,827 cats, and 403 miscellaneous animals, including many that had suffered injuries in accidents, or from abuse, and required medical treatment and rehabilitation before they were well enough to be offered for adoption. Among the adopted pets were some 190 dogs and cats that were placed free of charge with persons over 65, under the Purina Pets for People program.

The League's outpatient clinic for small animals had a 13% increase in health care delivery over the previous year, with a total of 11,420 patient visits. It is also a pleasure to report that 1,276 lost pets were reunited with their owners, including 886 dogs, 356 cats and 34 miscellaneous pets. Over 400 additional miscellaneous animals, largely injured wildlife and birds, were cared for at the League, and later released back to their natural habitats.

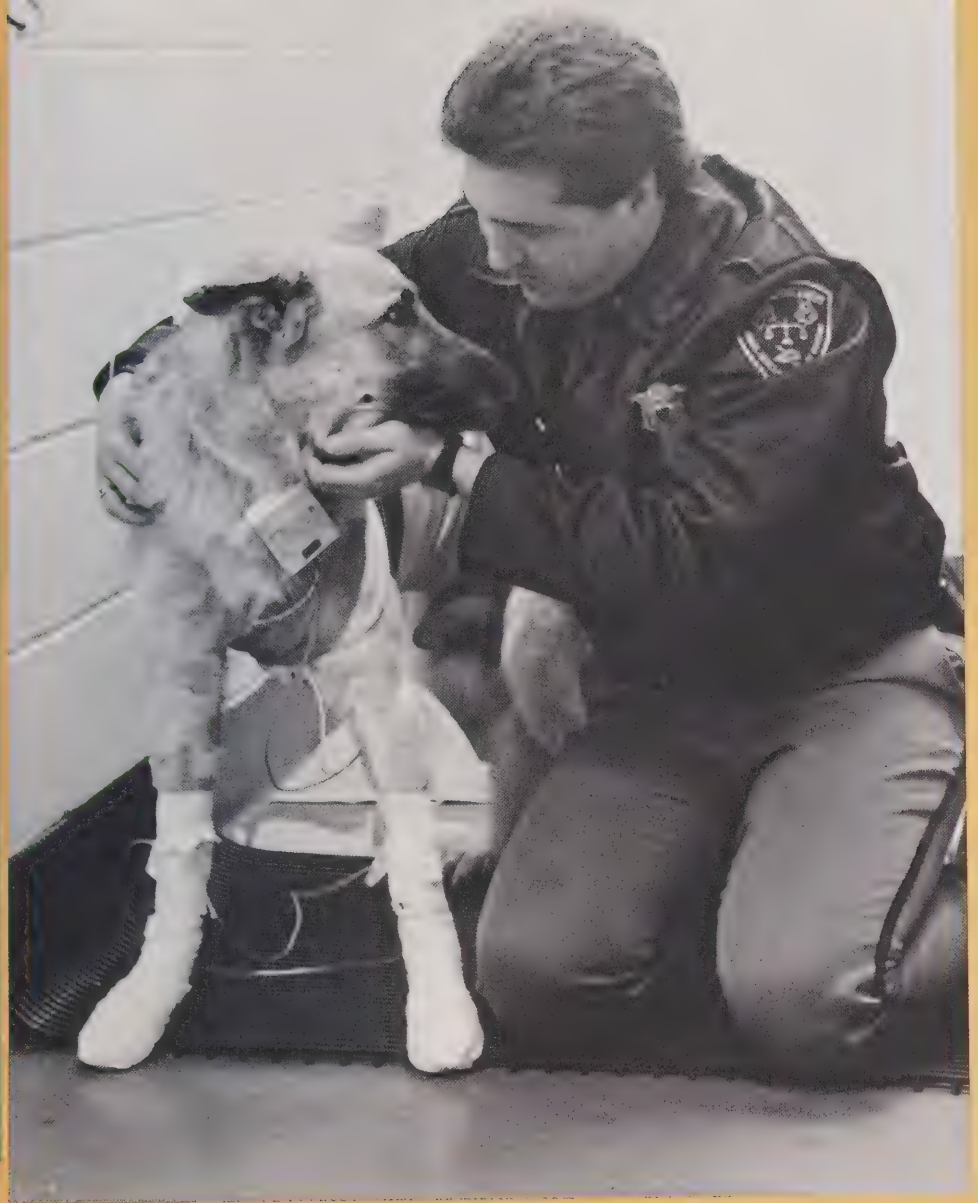
The total number of animals seen this year during 292 inspection visits to sites where animals are kept commercially, including kennels, stables, guard dog establishments, fairs, zoos and research laboratories, came to 237,638, an increase of 78% over the previous year. This figure does not include approximately 100,000 fish that were housed in over 2,000 fish tanks inspected during the year.



Brewster branch manager Lynda Brogden has her hands full with bird and water-fowl rescues.

Anyone who reads the newspapers is aware of the upswing in violent crimes against people in the city, and the crimes against animals investigated by the League during 1990 reflect the same degree of escalating violence. While there was a slight decrease in the number of complaints requiring investigation — 976 compared to just over 1,000 cruelty investigations in 1989 — many of the cases involved abuse of a particularly violent nature, leading to criminal prosecution.

Among these were the case of "Jennie," a small dog that was almost killed whose story is told on page 8, and the frightening experience of "Whiskers," a five-year-old German Shepherd who wound up in intensive care after being shot by an unknown assailant, while sitting peacefully in his own backyard. Responding to a police call on November 29, League agents Alan Borgal and Mark Williamson transported the dog by ambulance to Angell Memorial Hospital, where it underwent two hours of surgery. After recuperating from the bullet wound,



"Whiskers," one of 1990's victims of violent crime, receives a visit in intensive care from League law enforcement agent Ray Orlando.

990 Pet Show winners Kellan and Whitney Parker f Cataumet celebrate with "Briggs," who won sec-nd prize for "Best Tailwagger."

Boston school children like Axel Kadir of Jamaica Plain learn to care for farm animals at the Animal Friends Summer School.

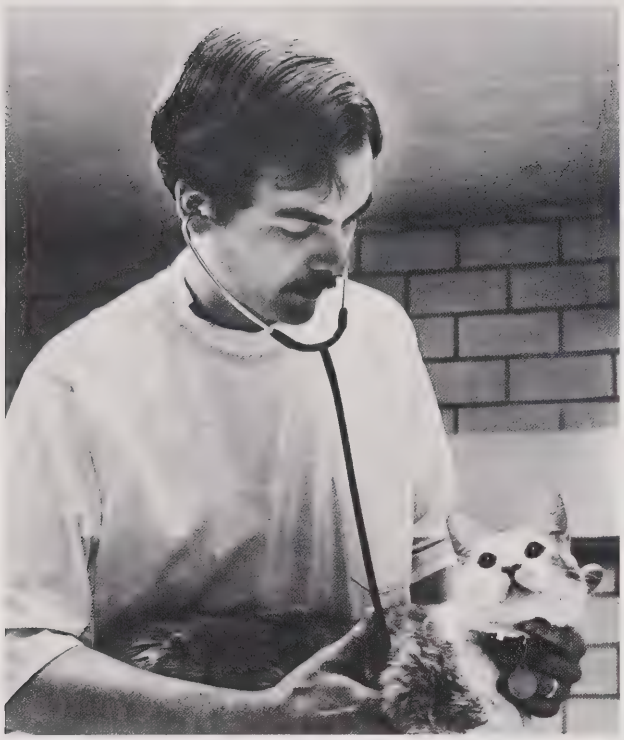
Whiskers was returned to his relieved owner, but, despite a $1,000 reward offered jointly by the League and the MSPCA, Whiskers' assailant has still not been found.

Ambulance and rescue agents continued to respond to thousands of calls for assistance for animals injured either by abuse, or by accident. Several of these rescue missions are describe in depth in the article on page 4.

On the legislative front, the 1990 effort for meaningful legislation to regulate the so-called padded leghold trap received wide interest but little support from the Massachusetts Legislature. Thus the bill(s) did not gain favorable consideration for passage. It had been hoped that a workable bill could be worked out as the most likely and lasting solution. It remains to be seen at this point if there is to be further legislative or court action this year.

Thousands of people working in the downtown Boston financial district had an opportunity to learn more about the League's programs thanks to the generosity of the Shawmut Bank which hosted a major exhibit on the League this past summer in the lobby of its Federal Street headquarters. On view from June 18 to July 20, the exhibit included turn-of-the-century photographs and other archival materials, as well as displays highlighting modern day programs in rescue, law enforcement, health care, adoption and humane education. Additional community outreach activities included a series of spring open houses at the League's branch shelters in Salem, Dedham and East Brewster, and a continued effort to increase humane awareness through radio, television and newspaper public service messages, and media news coverage of League events and programs.

The Animal Friends Summer School program held each year on Cape Cod was expanded this year to offer youngsters the choice of a three-week or four-week session. Other humane education services included classroom pet care demonstrations, shelter tours and presentations for school groups, the publication of pet care pamphlets, as well as the League's quarterly publication, *Our Fourfooted Friends*.



A Veterinary Update

A Victory in the War on Disease

By Edward A. Leonard, D.V.M.

Thanks to a newly-developed vaccine, cat owners can now, for the first time, protect their pets from a previously unpreventable, and almost universally fatal disease of the immune system.

Caused by a virus which is a member of the coronavirus family, Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP) most commonly affects cats between six months and five years of age, and those over 11 years old. A cat becomes infected when the virus is inhaled or ingested, but since relatively large quantities of the virus are required to infect a susceptible cat, close continuous contact with other infected cats is usually required for virus transmission. Consequently, the risk is highest in multiple cat households, catteries, or boarding kennels. The disease is also more prevalent in purebreds than in domestic cats, likely because purebreds often come from breeding catteries.

FIP can take three different forms: effusive, non-effusive, or a combination of the two types. The most common symptom of the effusive form of the disease is progressive, painless enlargement of the abdomen caused by fluid accumulating within the peritoneal cavity. Other early warning signs include chronic fluctuating fever, lethargy and weight loss. The non-effusive form is more difficult to diagnose since early symptoms (also fever, lethargy, and weight loss) are seldom accompanied by specific outward signs. Eye lesions may occur in about 40% of the cases, and a posterior lack of coordination, partial paralysis or personality changes may occur, indicating involvement of the central nervous system.

Once infected by the virus, an animal will usually develop symptoms within two to three weeks, but in some cases it may take as long as months or even years. Duration of the disease can vary from a few days to several months, but the eventual outcome is almost always fatal.

In view of the poor prognosis associated with this disease, the development of a vaccine that can safely and effectively prevent it comes as very good news, especially for those who have pets in high risk situations, such as multiple-pet households or those who require frequent stays in boarding kennels. It is also welcome news for those who have hesitated to adopt a second cat because a previous pet in the home has suffered from FIP.

Kittens can be immunized against this disease at the age of sixteen weeks. The FIP vaccine is administered into the nasal passages and requires two doses, four weeks apart, with annual revaccination.

Heartworm Reminder!

It's time to protect your dog against heartworm disease, a major health threat transmitted by mosquitoes throughout the summer months. Dogs should first be tested for the disease, then placed on preventive medication, which is available in pill or liquid form, to be administered once a day, or once a month, depending on the type of medication. The once-a-month variety is now available in a chewable tablet that can be mixed in with your dog's food.

Best-selling author and artist Suzy Becker gets her inspiration from "Binky," a League alumna.

The Litter-ary Binky Circle Has a Best-Seller

A former League foundling of the feline variety is now a top cat on the best-seller list, and a League benefactor, to boot!

"Binky," a five-year-old black-and-white female with a distinctive outlook on life who was adopted in 1986 by author-illustrator Suzy Becker of Lexington, is the inspiration behind Ms. Becker's book, *All I Need to Know I Learned from My Cat*.

"Go barefoot," "Take some time to eat the flowers," and "Take chances . . . somehow, you always land on your feet" are among Binky's sage words of advice, all illustrated with drawings that, in one reader's words, "capture the essence of cathood."

Released by Workman Publishing last fall, the cartoon book was on the paperback best-seller list throughout the winter months, and went into its sixth printing in December, an occasion marked by a book-signing party to benefit the League on December 16. Ms. Becker is also founder and president of the Widget Factory, which produces her line of humorous greeting cards. Proceeds of books and greeting cards sold at the event, plus funds raised in a cat story-telling marathon, were all donated to the League, amounting to over $1500 to help Binky's less fortunate cat colleagues.

A graduate of Brown University where she studied international relations and economics, a former advertising copywriter and self-taught artist, the 28-year-old author considers herself more of an idea person than a writer or artist, according to an interview in the *Boston Globe*. The idea for the book just came from watching her cat, and one day she sat down and made a list of the things she had learned from Binky. She had grown up with dogs, but Binky was her first cat. After adopting her, Becker said, she was struck by the very different way cats and dogs approach life. "For example," she said, "cats know they don't have to slobber all over anybody." Or, as Binky put it: "Be tolerant — but not overly accommodating," and "Make yourself vulnerable . . . but don't be afraid to bite the hand that feeds you!"

Other "Cats and Their Women"

Barbara E. Cohen and Louise Taylor, authors of *Dogs and Their Women*, published by Little, Brown and Company in 1989, are looking for contributors to their upcoming book on *Cats and Their Women*. If you have a story to share, they'd like to hear from you. Just send them:

- A professional, black-and-white photo (8 × 10) of you and your cat (no snapshots or color photos, please), along with a letter (preferably typed) describing your relationship with your cat, a special event you shared, or an anecdote illustrating how your special cat has enhanced your life.
- Be sure to include your cat's name and age; your name, address and phone number; the name and address of your photographer; one stamped self-addressed envelope for the return of your photo, and two self-addressed stamped envelopes (legal size) for correspondence.
- Mail to: Cohen/Taylor, Cats and Their Women, 11 Prospect St., Maynard, MA 01754.

Cartoons reprinted from "All I Need to Know I Learned from My Cat."

NEWSFRONT

ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE OF BOSTON

Mark Your Calendar!

LEAGUE PET SHOW AND OPEN HOUSE SET FOR BKA WEEK

Plan now to participate in Be Kind to Animals Week festivities at the League, starting with an Open House at the League's Boston headquarters on Be Kind to Animals Sunday, May 5, and culminating with Pet Appreciation Day on Boston Common, Saturday, May 11,* featuring a pet show and a blessing of the pets.

The Open House May 5 will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and will feature animal-related demonstrations, shelter tours, and refreshments. Pets competing in the Pet Show, May 11, must be accompanied by a child between the ages of 6 and 14 (with a parent or responsible adult). Anyone wishing to enter the pet show must register in advance. Registration forms can be obtained by calling 426-9170.

**Please note that these dates are different from those announced in the previous issue, due to a scheduling conflict on Boston Common.*

RED ACRE HEARING DOG CENTER MARKS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

In honor of its 10th anniversary, Red Acre Farm Hearing Dog Center will hold an Open House Sunday, May 19, from 1 to 5 p.m., at its facility located at 109 Red Acre Road in Stow, MA, which is .4 mile off Routes 62-117.

Many League dogs have been among the shelter animals trained by Red Acre to act as "ears" for members of the deaf community, alerting their masters to sounds such as doorbells, ringing telephones, smoke alarms, and other warning noises. The open house will feature Hearing Dog demonstrations, kennel tours, information booths and special events. The Boston Guild for the Hard of Hearing will provide free hearing screenings, and interpreters will be on hand.

PAUL REVERE'S HORSE . . . A NAMELESS HEROINE

With the Patriot's Day observance coming up, New Englanders may be interested to know that, on the night of his famous ride, Paul Revere was astride a Narragansett Pacer mare, a breed that is now extinct, according to an article in *Pet Health News*. This nameless mare, who belonged to Revere's friend, Deacon John Larkin, carried the word of the British arrival throughout the countryside until she and her rider were taken captive by a British officer between Lexington and Concord.

RARE TURTLE SURVIVES CAPE COD STRANDING

The League's Brewster shelter was temporary host this past fall to a rare Ridley turtle which had washed up on a Cape Cod beach in November. The endangered turtle, which was extremely cold, was warmed up gradually at the shelter and then turned over to the Audubon Society's Wellfleet Sanctuary, which eventually transferred it to the New England Aquarium.

The population of this endangered turtle, which weighs between eight and ten pounds, is estimated to be down to about 500. Native to the Gulf coast of Mexico, the turtles travel in a circular ocean pattern, but each year some get stranded in the cold waters of the bay areas of Cape Cod and Long Island sound, where they are literally stunned, and frequently die, as a result of the freezing water temperatures.

A VISIT TO SANTA PAWS

Santa promises a bone and a chewy to one of the scores of four-footed friends who posed for holiday photos during a benefit for League pets held during the holidays at "Especially for Pets," a department store for pets in Newton. Owner Emily Zofnas presented the League with a gift of $1,000, proceeds of the event which will be used to help homeless animals.

BOARDING YOUR PET THIS SUMMER?

With vacation coming up, pet owners may be interested in a 16-page booklet titled "How to Select a Boarding Kennel: The Pet Owner's Guide to Successful Boarding." Published by the American Boarding Kennels Association, this booklet explains what to look for in a boarding kennel, and includes a roster of ABKA member kennels in the United States and Canada. The booklet is available, at a cost of $3, from: ABKA, 4575 Galley Rd., Suite 400 A, Colorado Springs, CO 80915, (719) 591-1113.

TIME TO ENROLL IN ANIMAL FRIENDS SUMMER SCHOOL

Youngsters who are living on Cape Cod, or will be vacationing there this summer, will once again have an opportunity to attend one or both of two full sessions of day programs at the Animal Friends Summer School in Cataumet. Classes and activities, all geared to foster appreciation of the animal world and nature, include farm animal and domestic pet care, arts and crafts, nature studies, marine ecology, and a host of other animal-related programs.

For more information, or to register, contact: Animal Friends Summer School, Animal Rescue League of Boston, P.O. Box 265, Boston, MA 02117, (617) 426-9170.

SESSION I:
July 1 to July 19, 1991
(Three-week session)
Registration Fee: $165*
($150 for each additional child in the same family.)

SESSION II:
July 22 to August 16, 1991
(Four-week session)
Registration Fee: $220*
($200 for each additional child.)

ANNUAL PET SHOW
Saturday, July 27, 1991
(Rain date: July 28)

*Children wishing to attend both sessions can do so for a total registration fee of $350.

DOING RIGHT BY DUDLEY

This stray puppy was comatose, with a barely discernible heartbeat, when ambulance driver Shaun Harrison (center) brought him to the League clinic on February 23. League veterinarian Jill Wroten, D.V.M. also found multiple abrasions on the neck, belly, chest and shoulders of the puppy, which had no registering body temperature. Dr. Wroten, assisted by clinic technicians Natalie Mair (left) and Sharon Copp-Hiltz, was able to save his life by administering medication to stimulate breathing, intravenous fluids, and a blood transfusion. With a new lease on life, and a new name, "Dudley" has been adopted by Ruth Eisele, a visiting student from Tufts School of Veterinary Medicine.

Pet-Overpopulation

What exactly is pet-overpopulation? Pet-overpopulation is a condition that exists when there are more dogs, cats, puppies and kittens than there are good homes. In Massachusetts, and across the United States, pet-overpopulation is a serious problem.

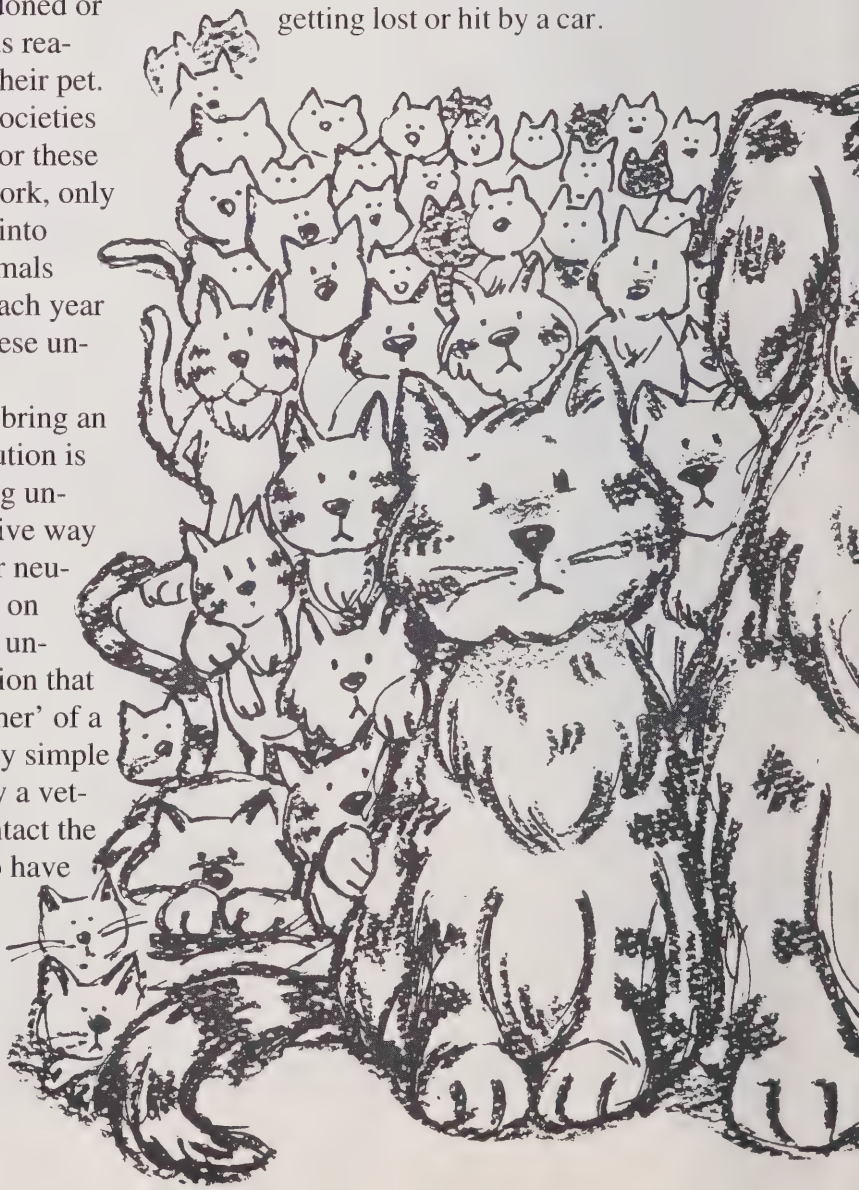
It is believed that anywhere from 12 to 17 million dogs and cats are turned into animal shelters, like the Animal Rescue League, throughout the United States each year. These are animals that have been picked up as strays, abandoned or given up by their owners, who for various reasons decided they could no longer keep their pet.

Local animal shelters and humane societies work hard at trying to find good homes for these animals. However, despite all the hard work, only about 2 out of every 10 animals brought into shelters find new homes. Millions of animals throughout the country are **euthanized** each year because of the lack of good homes for these unwanted and homeless animals.

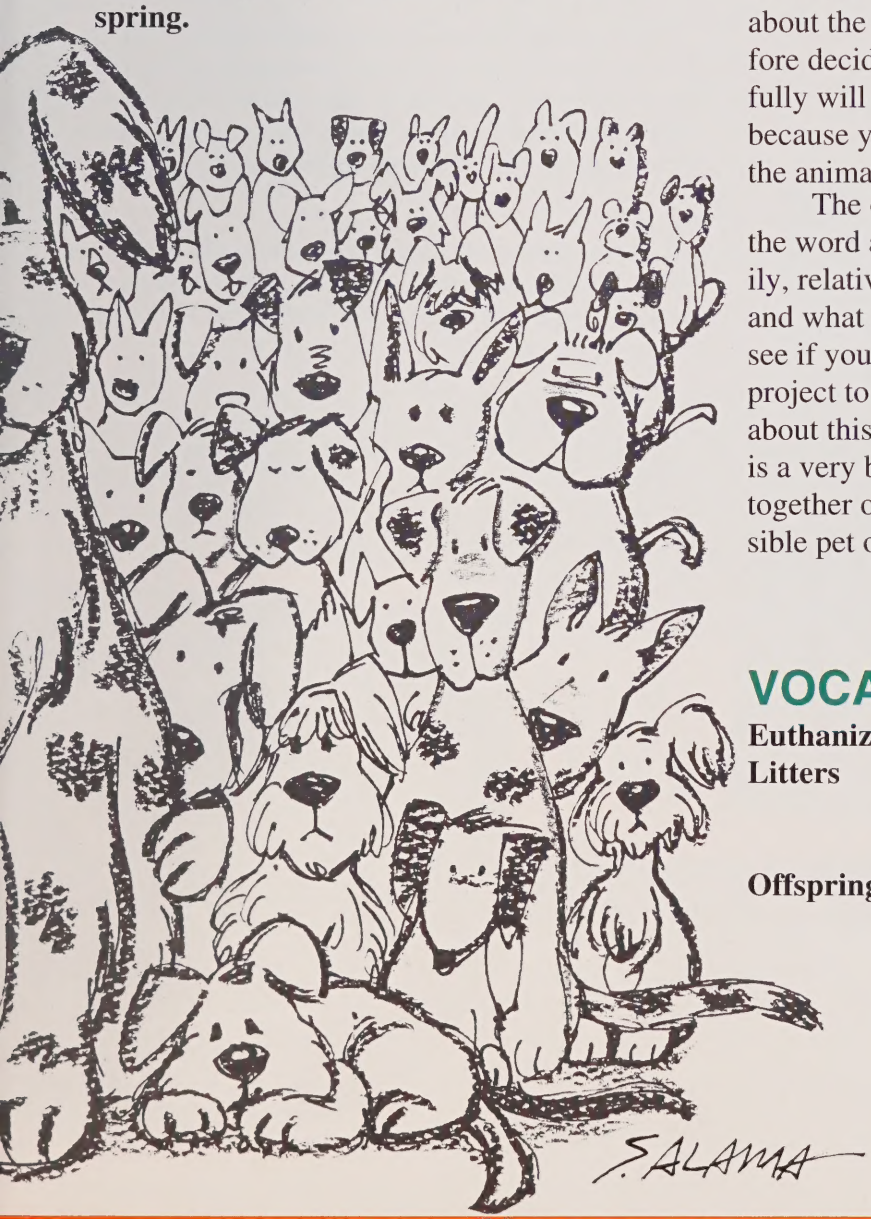
The good news is that you can help bring an end to this unfortunate problem. The solution is to prevent your dog or cat from producing unwanted **litters** of young. The most effective way to do this is by having your pet spayed or neutered. Spaying is an operation performed on female pets to prevent them from having unwanted litters and neutering is the operation that prevents male pets from becoming a 'father' of a litter. Spaying and neutering are relatively simple and safe operations that are performed by a veterinarian. You can have your parents contact the veterinarian to determine the best time to have your pet spayed or neutered.

In addition to helping solve the pet-overpopulation problem, spaying and neutering have many other benefits for you and your pet. Spayed and neutered pets:

1. tend to live longer and healthier lives as the operation eliminates or reduces the risk of your pet developing certain health problems.
2. are not as likely to roam away from home; this would reduce the chances of your pet getting lost or hit by a car.



3. tend not to chase or fight with other dogs and cats or be a pest to the neighbors by spending too much time howling or barking.
4. tend to be more calm, content and affectionate pets.
5. mean your family will not have to face the task and expense of raising a litter and trying to find good, suitable homes for the **offspring.**



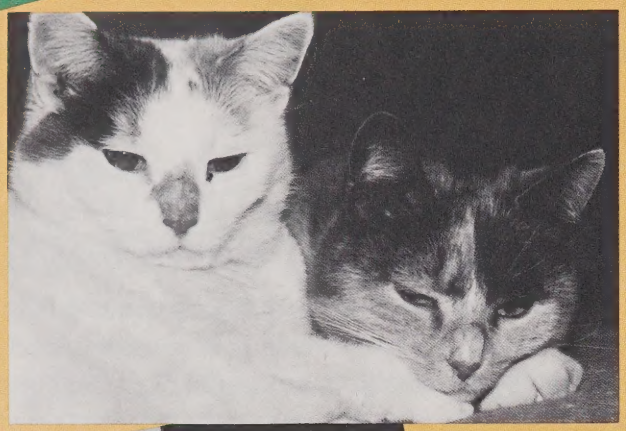
There are other ways in which you can help solve the pet-overpopulation problem while providing a good safe home for your pet. You should make sure that your pet is properly restrained when it goes outside, either by using a leash or having a fenced-in area for your pet. This way they won't get lost and end up as a stray. Your pet also should have some form of identification tag and license on its collar in case it does get lost. You and your family should think carefully about the large responsibility of owning a pet before deciding to adopt one. This way you hopefully will not have to turn in a pet to a shelter because you realize you cannot properly care for the animal.

The other way you can help is by spreading the word about pet-overpopulation. Let your family, relatives and friends know about this problem and what they can do to help. You may want to see if your teacher will let your class organize a project to inform other students in your school about this problem. After all, pet-overpopulation is a very big problem that all of us have to work together on in order to solve, and create responsible pet owners.

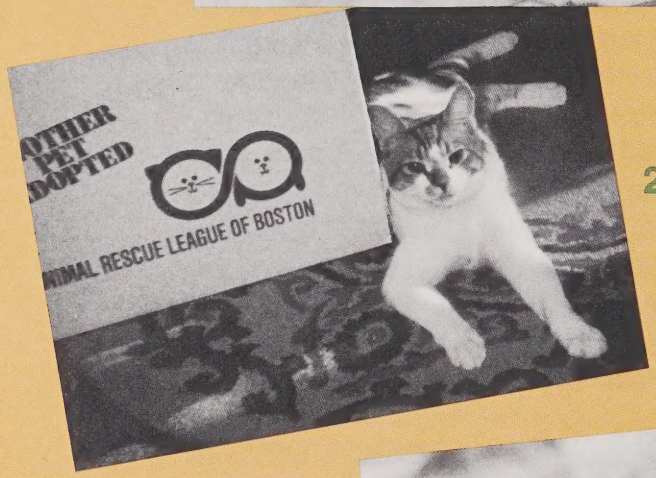
VOCABULARY WORDS

Euthanized — causing death in a painless way.
Litters — a group of young animals born at the same time to the same mother.
Offspring — the young of a person, animal, or plant.

PETS IN THE PICTURE

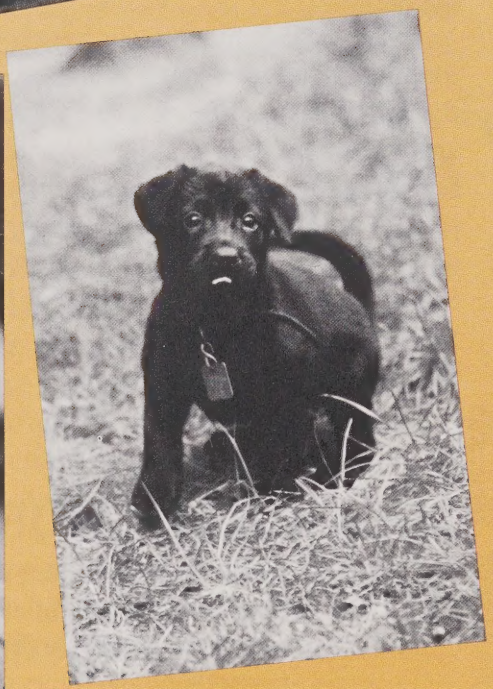


1 Best friends and sisters "Mopey" and "Flopsy" together have ruled the roost at the Lillis household in Arlington for the past sixteen years. Their mother, "Curious George," was adopted from the League by Pat Lillis in 1974.

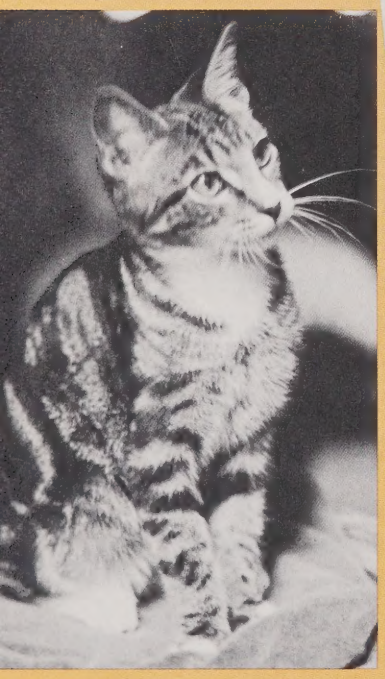


2 "O.J. is very active, affectionate and adapted to his new home immediately," according to Mr. and Mrs. David Wadsworth of Harwichport, who adopted the 8½-month-old cat from the League's Brewster shelter, where their daughter Diane has been an invaluable volunteer for many years.

3 Peggy and Bruce Gelin of Cambridge, who recently adopted "Ozzie" from the League, describe their new pet as "quite simply the best and prettiest cat in the world (and knows it, too!)."



4 Courtney Park of Marston Mills writes: "My dog 'Onyx,' (shown here at six weeks) has turned out to be the perfect pet, and she's very smart. I've already taught her to fetch, sit, lie down, stay and heel. We're very happy to have the new addition to the family."



5 Julia Burns of Somerville sends this photo of "Pat, Brandy and Teddy," along with a donation in honor "of our current boys, and those who have shared our home in the past."

6 This is "Snoopy," adopted last fall from the League's Salem shelter by Lucy and Fred Pearson of Lynn, who report: "He's a smart little pup, and gets along just fine with our two cats."

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In making a bequest to the League in your Will, please remember that the corporate title of our society is **"Animal Rescue League of Boston,"** that it was incorporated in 1899, and has no connection with any other similar society.

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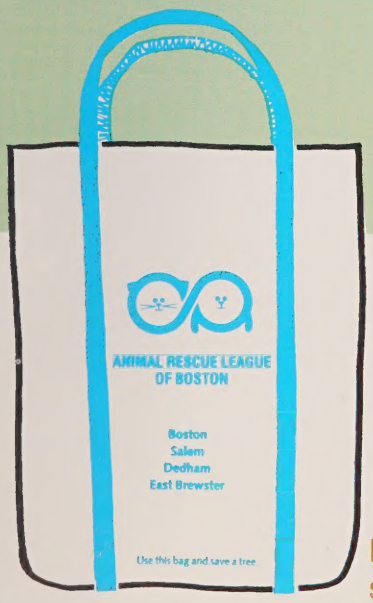

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Permission to rest on the new sofa,
The sun on my head
A chewy in my mouth,
And a family to love me!

Copy and photo of her pet, "Miss Amelia Earhart," by Doris K. Flint of Cohasset.

The President and Board of Directors
Cordially invite you to attend our

Annual Meeting

Wednesday, April 24, 1991 at 2:30 p.m.
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